

# WILMINGTON Parks and Recreation

CITY OF WILMINGTON PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

Summer 2016



## Spotlight: J.E.L. Wade Park

The 17-acre J.E.L. Wade Park, located off Waltmoor Drive at 3500 Bethel Road, opened in 2009. The park has several amenities, including a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile multi-use path, a playground, picnic shelter, benches and an educational wetland. In addition, it also serves as the starting point for the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail.

Located in the Hewlett's Creek watershed, the park's wetland has two primary purposes: to filter and help clean stormwater before it runs into the creek and to reduce flooding in the area. The wetland also serves a critical habitat for birds, animals and plants and is the largest constructed stormwater wetland in the area.

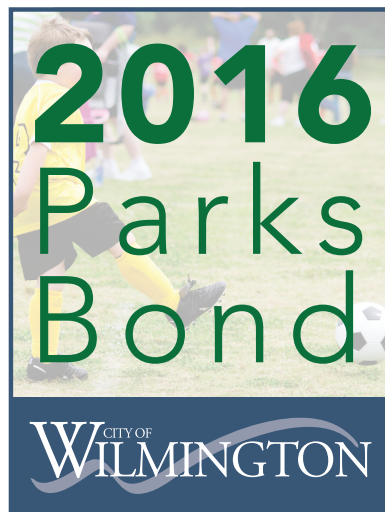
The park is named for former City of Wilmington mayor and community activist James E.L. Wade.

## Parks Bond to be included on Nov. 8 election ballot

As part of the Nov. 8 general election, City of Wilmington residents will have the opportunity to vote on a parks bond for additional facilities as well as improvements at existing facilities. While only \$30.4 million would be borrowed, the city would leverage existing funds to complete an entire package of projects worth \$38 million. In the most recent citizen survey and neighborhood planning meetings, citizens ranked parks & recreation programs as very important.

Fifteen projects are proposed, including development of the city's northern waterfront park with a large concert venue, a new soccer complex, expansion of Olsen Park, and safety improvements.

Learn more at [www.wilmingtonnc.gov](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov).



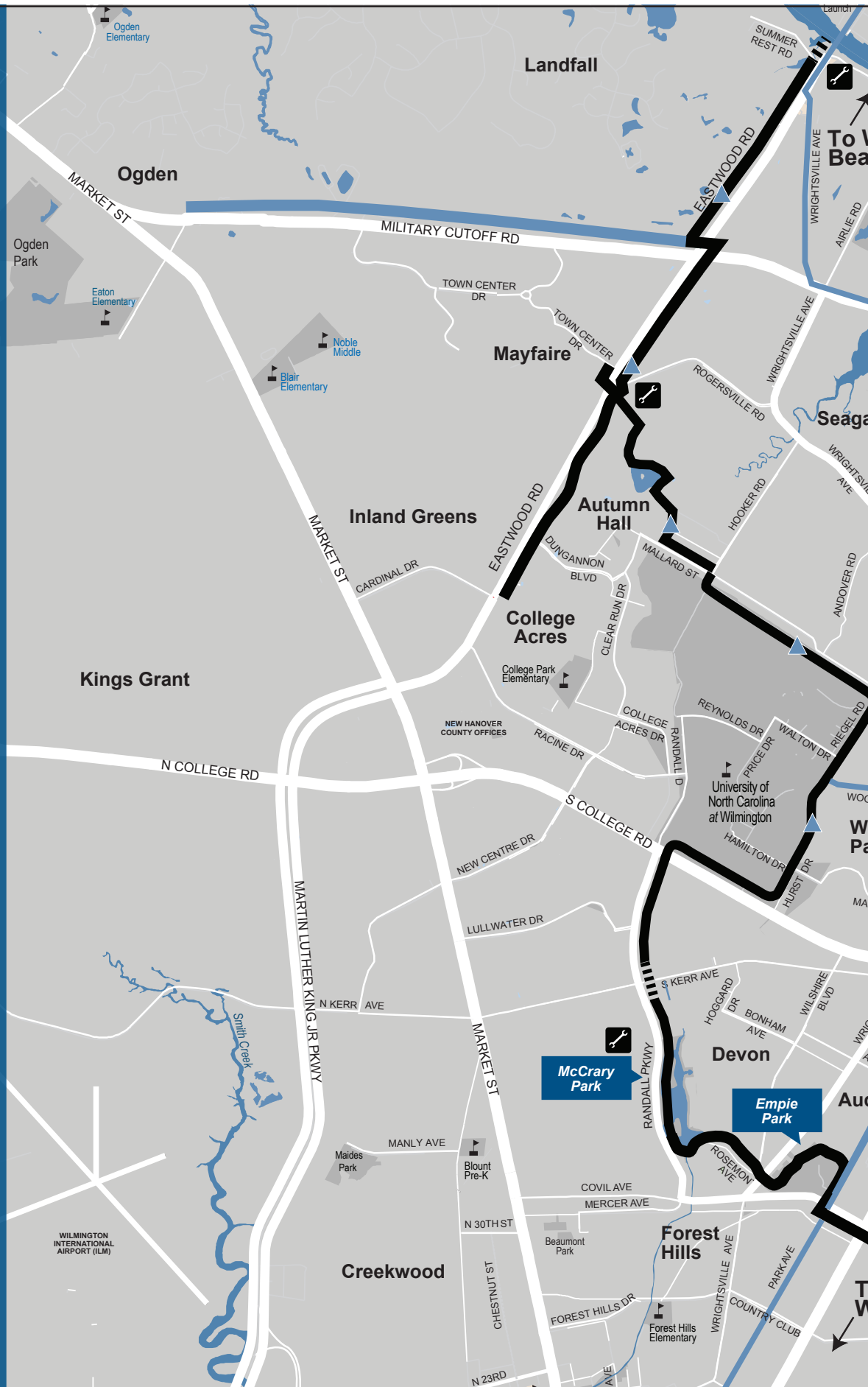
## PARKS & LANDSCAPING FAST FACTS

The City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation division oversees 43 public parks that include 3 community centers, 34 tennis courts, a recently renovated municipal golf course, and nearly 2 miles of Riverwalk. Find out more interesting facts about the parks, greenways and facilities maintained by the city below.

- 443 acres public parks (43 public parks)
- 21 acres of landscaped areas and greenways (18 locations)
- 300 acres of athletic, recreational facilities
- More than 9 acres of city-owned lots (24 locations)
- Approximately 71 miles of rights-of-way (107 locations) within the city
- Approximately 66 miles of rights-of-way (28 locations) for the NCDOT
- Approximately 13 miles of 127 alley locations
- Approximately 5 miles of medians (17 locations)
- 24 traffic speed reduction devices
- 55 dog waste stations throughout the city
- 35 playground units
- 254 trees planted

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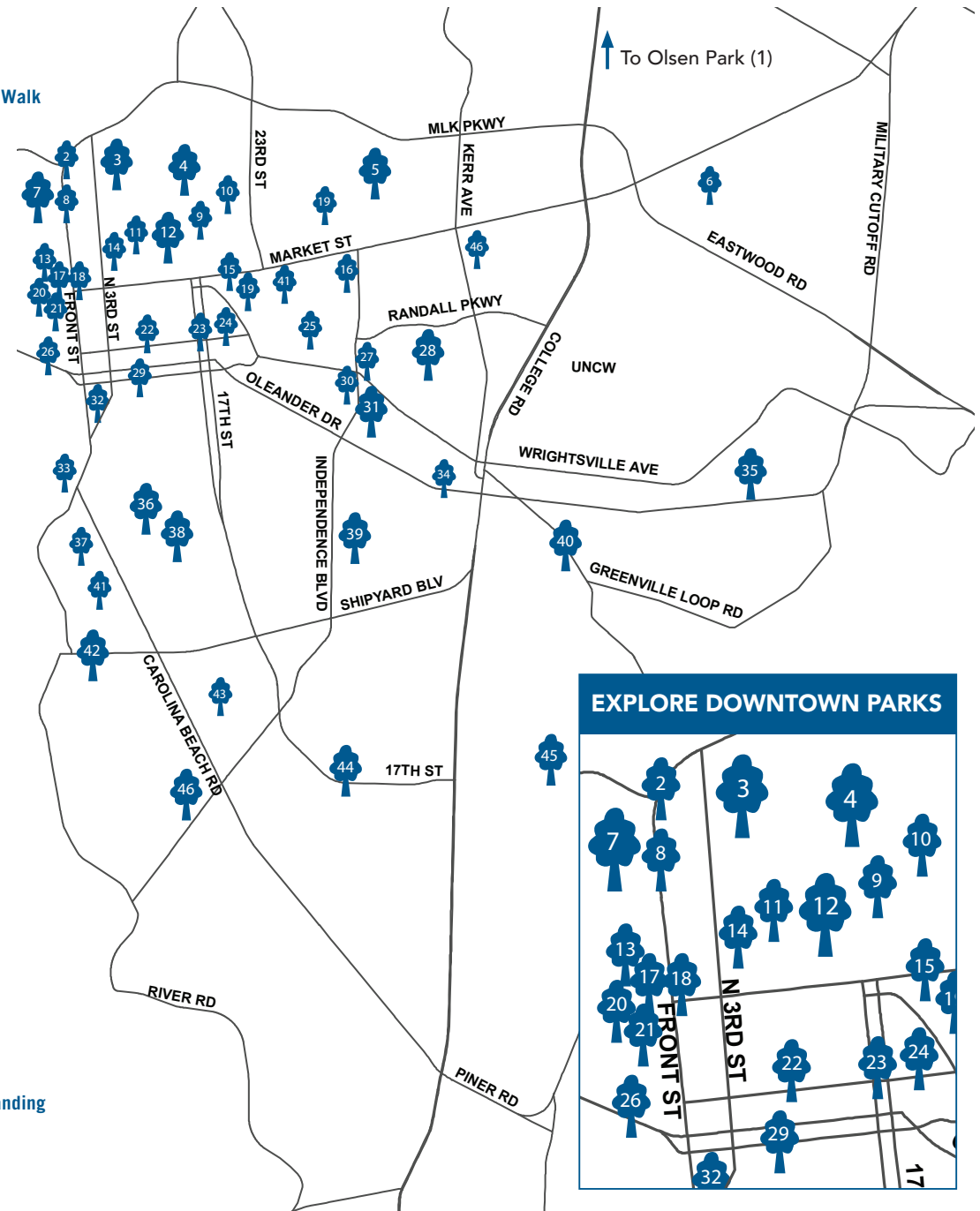
**LEGEND**

- Existing Trail
- River to Sea Bike Route
- Coming Soon
- Military Cutoff Trail
- Mile Marker
- School
- Park
- Restroom
- Parking
- FIXIT Station
- Hospital



# EXPLORE CITY PARKS

1. **Olsen Park**  
5510 Olsen Park Lane
2. **Thomas & Willie Jervay Freedom Walk**  
305 N 4th St
3. **Northside Park**  
610 Bess St
4. **Archie Blue Park**  
1306 Stanley St
5. **Maides Park**  
1101 Manley Ave
6. **Inland Greens**  
5945 Inland Greens Dr
7. **North Waterfront Park**  
10 Harnett St
8. **1898 Park**  
1918 N 3rd St
9. **Mary Bridgers Park**  
1925 Chestnut St
10. **Kennedy Park**  
2108 Plaza Dr
11. **Bicentennial Park**  
206 N 5th St
12. **Portia Hines Park**  
400 N 10th St
13. **Bijou Park**  
209 N Front St
14. **Innis Park**  
101 N 3rd St
15. **Bullock Park**  
2013 Market St
16. **Beaumont Park**  
101 Wayne Drive
17. **Riverfront Park**  
Water St/Market St
18. **Bailey Theater Park**  
12 N Front St
19. **Wallace Park**  
2110 Market St
20. **Muters Alley Park**  
100 Block S Water St
21. **Claude Howell Park/Orange St Landing**  
200 S Water St
22. **Robert Strange Park**  
400 S 8th St
23. **Nunalee Park**  
S 17th St
24. **Church & Nun Park**  
1922 Nun St
25. **Thomas B. Lilly Park**  
502 Forest Hills Dr
26. **Dram Tree Park**  
602 Surry St
27. **Mothers Park**  
3206 Camden Circle
28. **Anne McCrary Park**  
4000 Randall Pkwy
29. **Tower Park**  
910 Wooster St



30. **Triangle Park**  
2900 Wrightsville Ave
31. **Empie Park**  
3405 Park Avenue
32. **MarStella Park**  
200 Marstellar St
33. **Optimist Park**  
1650 S Front St
34. **Trolley Stop Park**  
Park & Audubon
35. **Seagate Park/  
Eddy & Mary Haneman Park**  
6001 Mariner Ave

36. **Greenfield Park**  
1739 Burnett Blvd
37. **Sunset & Adams Park**  
Sunset Ave
38. **Legion Stadium**  
2131 Carolina Beach Rd
39. **Piney Ridge Nature Preserve**  
3800 Canterbury
40. **Municipal Golf Course**  
311 Wallace Ave
41. **Cameron Park**  
245 Southern Blvd

42. **Godwin Ball Field**  
215 Shipyard Blvd
43. **Hanover Heights Park**  
801 Adelaide Dr
44. **Halyburton Park**  
4099 S 17th St
45. **James E. L. Wade Park**  
3500 Bethel Road
46. **Southgate Park**  
209 Pershing Ct